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Applicant: Ozawa et al.
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Title: STATOR WINDING AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated 25 July 2002, applicant provisionally elects with traverse the invention of claims 1-10 and 16-20 as identified by the Examiner, drawn to a stator winding.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present paper, the claims in the application remain claims 1-20, of which claims 1, 11 and 18 are independent.

The present application is subjected to a restriction requirement to one of the following two (allegedly) patentably distinct inventions as identified by the Examiner: I - claims 1-10 and 16-20, drawn to a stator winding; and II - claims 11-15 drawn to a method of manufacturing a stator winding. It is the Examiner's position that the stator winding as claimed could be made by a materially different method than that of claims 11-15, i.e., one which does not require winding one end of a wire from an inner peripheral side of the cylinder while an opposite end is wound from an outer peripheral side of the cylinder.

Again, applicant provisionally elects the invention of claims 1-10 and 16-20, drawn to a

stator winding, but also respectfully traverses the restriction requirement based upon the following.

Initially, applicant respectfully submits that the entire application, including apparatus and method claims, is clearly directed to a single inventive concept, i.e., provision of a slotless stator which achieves both high output and miniaturization in comparison to conventional slotless stators, and yet is simply and efficiently manufactured. Moreover, the closely related nature of the apparatus and method claims is reflected in the fact that limitations presented in each group are very similar /analogous to limitations in the other group.

In this regard, applicant notes that the Examiner's allegation that the claimed apparatus could be made by a materially different method does not well reflect the fact that dependent ones of the apparatus claims (e.g., claims 2 and 19) require the same winding directions for end portions of respective turns as required by method claim 11.

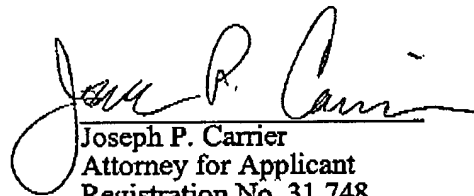
Further, applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner could concurrently examine all of the present claims "without serious burden" given the plainly overlapping content of all claims, and should accordingly do so pursuant to MPEP §803.

Based on the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that the restriction be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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